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the War been working toward the Negro's advancement. The Negro's own efforts to better his condition, especially in matters of education and general culture, and the work of the particular leaders in the movement are set forth in some detail. Only passing notice is given the economic and social status of the Negro in the South, and no formal solution of the "Negro problem" is offered. On the whole the book aims at a fair, though sympathetic, treatment of the Negro's efforts toward social progress.

The American Spirit. By OSCAR S. STRAUS. New York: The Century Co., 1913. 8vo, pp. 379. \$2.00 net.

This volume is composed of a collection of twenty-three addresses and magazine articles by the former secretary of commerce and labor, dealing with American institutions and international relations, and paying tribute to a few of our prominent men. While only the first address deals directly with the American spirit, every succeeding chapter, whatever its title, helps to throw light on the author's conception of what America really stands for. Throughout the book there is evidenced a strong feeling of patriotism, and an earnest zeal for true progress. An intimate knowledge of American history is displayed, especially as regards our diplomatic relations and policies. The book is interesting and inspiring, and has in it much information not elsewhere available to the average student.

A Sunny Life: The Biography of Samuel June Barrows. By ISABEL C. BARROWS. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1913. 12mo, pp. xi+323. \$1.50 net.

In this biography a fond and devoted wife gives an extremely intimate and personal account of the activities of her husband and hero. Those who care to follow the personal side of reform movements will find some things of interest in the account of Mr. Barrows' connection with the Prison Association of New York and the International Prison Association.